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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/620,438

Applicant(s)

HORIE ET AL.

Examiner

Michael C. Wimer

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/11/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1,2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsuru et al. (5969680).

Regarding Claims 1,2 and 4, Tsuru et al., show in Figures 9A,9B,10A,10B and 11A, an antenna comprising a dielectric body 53a, a ground electrode 67a (see Fig. 2 for the top portion of the substrate 53a and the feeding portion structure), a radiation electrode 56a (51b) having a first open end and a second end which is (capacitively) connected to the ground electrode (C2 in Fig. 10A), a feeding terminal 66 provided on the first surface (Fig. 2) and a feeding electrode 52 having a first end 67b connected to and directly contacts the feeding terminal and a second end 52e which is connected to and directly contacts ground electrode 67a, at least a first part 52a of the feeding electrode 52 extending in parallel with an elongated direction of the radiation electrode 56a, so as to excite the radiation electrode with an induction coupling and capacitive coupling (defined within the term electromagnetically coupled, Fig. 9A,9B and 11A, col. 10, lines 58-62), all arranged as claimed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuru et al. (5969680) in view of Tsubaki (6100849).

No resonance condition specifically naming the feeding electrode 52 having a quarter wavelength appears to be taught. However, such a length for the feeding electrode is implied when an electromagnetic wave is formed along the length thereof. Thus, Tsubaki is cited as evidence of obviousness and as resolving the level of ordinary skill in the antenna art, and teaches that the feeding electrode 13 is of a quarter wavelength long and feeds the radiation electrode 14 (see the paragraph bridging columns 6 and 7). It would have been obvious to the skilled artisan that the feeding electrode 52 in Tsuru et al. is required to be of this length taught by Tsubaki.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Wimer whose telephone number is (571) 272-1833. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minsun O. Harvey can be reached on (571) 272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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